HERBARIUM OF HARVARD UNIVERSITY

Botanic Garden, Cambridge, Mass.

May 1, 1880.

Dear Mr. Davenport

It is very kind and thoughtful of you to return so large a share of those Ferns, and to think of me, in such a way.

I accept, as it was meant the compliment you pay me. But, on principle, I go against naming species after a person who has had nothing to do with them in the way of discovery, collection, or description &c-- And I have had too little to do with this Notholaena, except to put it into proper hands. No doubt Curtis will send you plenty more.

Very truly yours

Asa Gray

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